

The Hippopotamus Song

[Sing - D]

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Intro: C G Am D7 G - as for last line of chorus

A [G] bold hippopotamus was [C] standing one [D7] day
On the [G] banks of the [A7] cool Shali[D7]mar,
He [G] gazed at the bottom as he [C] peacefully [B7] lay
By the [Em] light of the [A7] evening [D] star.
A[Dm]way on the [E7] hilltop sat [Dm] combing her [E7] hair
His [Dm] fair hippo[E7]potami [Am] maid; [D]
The [Em] hippopot[D]amus was [Em] no ignor[D]amus
And [Am] sang her this [A7] sweet sere[D]nade:

Chorus:

[G] Mud, mud, [Am] glorious [D7] mud
[Em] Nothing quite [A7] like it for [D] cooling the [D7] blood!
So [G] follow me follow, [Am] down to the hollow
And [C] there let us [G] wallow in [Am] glori[D7]ous [G] mud.

The [G] fair hippopotama he [C] aimed to en[D7]tice
From her [G] seat on that [A7] hilltop a[D7]bove.
As she [G] hadn't got a Ma to [C] give her ad[B7]vice,
Came [Em] tiptoeing [A7] down to her [D] love.
Like [Dm] thunder the [E7] forest re[Dm]echoed the [E7] sound
Of the [Dm] song that they [E7] sang when they [A7] met.
His [Em] inamo[D]rata ad[Em]justed her [D] garter
And [Am] lifted her [A7] voice in [D] duet: **Chorus**

Now [G] more hippopotami be[C]gan to con[D7]vene
On the [G] banks of that [A7] river so [D7] wide;
I [G] wonder now what am I to [C] say of the [B7] scene
That en[Em]sued by the [A7] Shalimar [D] side.
They [Dm] dived all at [E7] once, with an [Dm] ear-splitting [E7] splosh,
Then [Dm] rose to the [E7] surface a[A7]gain,
A [Em] regular [D] army of [Em] hippopo[D]tami
All [Am] singing this [A7] haunting [D] refrain: **Chorus**

The [G] amorous hippopotamus whose [C] love song we [D7] know
Is now [G] married and [A7] father of [D7] ten,
He [G] murmurs, "God rot 'em!" as he [C] watches them [B7] grow,
And he [Em] longs to be [A7] single [D] again!
He'll [Dm] gambol no [E7] more on the [Dm] banks of the [E7] Nile,
Which [Dm] Naser is [E7] flooding next [A7] spring,
With [Em] hippopot[D]amas in [Em] silken py[D]jamas
No [Am] more will he [A7] teach them to [D] sing: **Chorus**